

Attending the 55th Annual SAID Conference

In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, we'll be conducting the 55th Annual Session over Zoom. You can use Zoom on a phone or tablet, but for the best experience, we recommend using a computer.

[Click here for instructions on joining a Zoom meeting from any device.](#)

Our agenda for this year's meeting is similar in structure to our usual in-person meetings, only virtual. There is time in the morning to say hello, breaks in between, time for lunch and a social hour in the evenings.

We understand that spending the entire conference in front of a computer might not work for everyone so we'll be providing pre-recorded content for several of the sessions. You can watch the main content ahead of time and join the breakout, Q&A sessions and social gatherings live during the conference.

In order to qualify for CE credits, you must watch the pre-recorded content and join both the breakout and Q&A sessions.

During the breakout sessions, we'll randomly sort everyone into groups to have smaller discussions on the topics presented. The attendees in each breakout room will be able to see and hear each other **assuming you each have your video and mic open**. The speakers are invited to pop into each group for a short period of time to participate in the discussions.

During limited parts of the live session schedule, you may be part of a recording.

We'll bring everyone back together for the Q&A sessions, where you can ask questions and get direct answers from the speakers. We'll also have the Zoom chat box open in the corner so you can pose questions throughout the presentation.

After the presentation, we'll send out a small quiz via email. At the end of the conference, we will tally the CE's for each attendee and provide a certificate documenting your credits.

In the coming weeks, we'll be releasing information on which sessions will have pre-recorded content so that you can plan your days ahead of time.

Five Virtual Attendance Tips:

- 1. If using a device with a battery (laptop, ipad, etc.) be sure to have access to electricity, as you will need juice as the day goes on.**
- 2. Check your internet connection and limit the amount of devices you have connected at one time. With more people working off their home internet service, some are experiencing delays.**
- 3. During breaks, stand and stretch, take a small walk around.**
- 4. At times during the breakout and Q&A sessions, your mic may be unmuted. Please try to keep any background noises to a minimum.**
- 5. If you've never used Zoom, try and do a test run before. Open Zoom, explore a little, get a feel for what options are there.**

FAQs:

Will I have time to interact with other SAID attendees?

Yes, you will! We have scheduled dedicated "hanging out" time, and we have planned it so that most of the agenda topics have breakout sessions where you will be able to work collaboratively with a limited number of co-attendees. The groups are randomly assigned to each breakout session, and change with each topic.

Will I see everyone?

This is entirely up to your settings! On Zoom, you have the option to see just the speaker and content full screen, have the content larger with a few other attendees visible on the side or do a "Brady Bunch" effect with as many people visible as your device can fit.

Do I need to sit in front of an electronic device for the entire conference?

No! Several of the sessions will be pre-recorded (content of roughly 40 minutes each) and will be accessible for you to view before the meeting. You would then have that time free during the meeting itself, and only be required to participate in the breakout sessions and the Q&A. ***Make sure to watch the pre-recorded content, and join the breakout and Q&A sessions on time to qualify for the CE credits.***

Speaking of CE Credits, how many are being offered?

If you fulfill the requirements for all available courses, the maximum CE credits awarded would be **13.5**. All attendees will need to participate in or watch all segments that apply to each course (content, breakout session and Q&A) and answer questions about the course to gain CE credits.

What is the cost?

This year, since we do not need to commit to hotel rooms and food, there is no early registration incentive - everyone gets the same low price depending on your professional status. You will note that we have reflected our savings for the hotel and food in the lower registration cost. We would request that you please, *please* sign up as soon as possible, to help us plan the breakout sessions.

Dentist - \$149 • Non-Dentist - \$99 • Students - \$10
Membership Fees (Only) Dentist - \$50 • Non-Dentist - \$25

I am not attending the sessions - may I still join my SAID colleagues somehow?

Yes! As long as membership fees are up-to-date, you may join the following sessions without registering for the full course: Wednesday 11/4 Strategy Meeting (3:00-5:00); Wednesday 11/4 Virtual President's Reception and BYO Cocktails (5:30-7:00); Thursday Social Hour (starts at 5:30); and Friday Social Hour (starts at 3:30). Once you pay your 2020 membership dues, you will be put on an email distribution that will give you the links for those sessions that are open to all members. We look forward to hanging out with you!

We will continue to update this form with information so check back frequently!